

REMARKS

Claims 2-25 are pending. Claim 3 has been amended. Claims 2-25 remain in the case for reconsideration. Reconsideration is requested. No new subject matter has been added.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner states that Claims 2-25 would be allowable upon filing of a Terminal Disclaimer. As requested, a Terminal Disclaimer is filed herewith.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC 112

Claim 2 is rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 3 recites the limitation "the digital delay circuit" in line 1. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Claim 3 has been amended to overcome the above rejections.

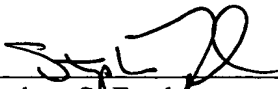
Claim Rejections – Double Patenting

Claim 23 is rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claim 23 of U.S. Patent No. 6,362,898. A Terminal Disclaimer is filed herewith so this rejection is moot.

CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, reconsideration and allowance of claims 2-25 of the application as amended is solicited. The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at (503) 222-3613 if it appears that an interview would be helpful in advancing the case.

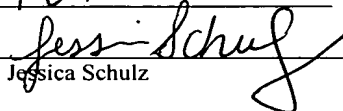
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